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In re the application of: )  
Hickman et al. )  
Serial No: 08/810,620 )  
Filed: February 28, 1997 )  
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS)**  
**FOR COMPUTING WITHIN A WIDE)**  
**AREA NETWORK** )

Group Art Unit: 2757

Examiner: D. Dinh

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## AMENDMENT C

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The following claim amendments are made on the assumption that the claim amendments of Amendment B, sent May 1, 2000, have been entered. A request for a two month extension of time to respond to the office action is enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:



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Box: Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 7584 in the amount of \$445.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees and terminal disclaimer fees.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0384.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0384 (Order No. NEO1P015). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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